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Executive summary

This quarter we began work on an audit of our Network Members, renewing membership and updating contact information for the Membership Directory. We developed an online membership application and determined a way to use the DOCLINE structure to record information about services provided by our community-based organizations and our other non-library members. We also conducted a systematic review of data components within DOCLINE system – this affects Membership directory and ultimately the accuracy of Network data, thus affecting the ability of Network members to communicate with one another.

Agreements were finalized with Idaho State University, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Oregon Health & Science University via Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for designated state-wide outreach and network development in their states.

We received 8 subcontract proposals from 3 states in response to the RFP announced in July. Upon a complete evaluation of the applications, including input from 3 external reviewers, we recommended NLM approval to fund 3 subcontracts for community and health professional outreach projects in Washington and Montana.

Funding for new Electronic Document Delivery Awards and for a MedlinePlus Go Local project was announced on our web site.

Acknowledging Medical Librarians Month in October, we developed a letter from Director Sherri Fuller to hospital administrators about the value of library services, and offered to send it, at the request of library network members. There were 18 requests from hospital libraries in the region. We also nominated three hospital librarian projects for NLM to highlight during National Medical Librarians Month.

The PNR staff hosted joint presentations and exhibits with NN/LM PSR staff at the MLA Western Chapters meeting.

Gail Koume continued to work with Karen Hajarian about collaboration with Parish Nurse groups. Gail also gave a presentation for the Parish Nurse Preparation Course at Carroll College in Helena, Montana.

Network infrastructure

TABLE 1. Quarterly infrastructure data

	Current quarter	Previous quarter
Network members – full	159	158
Network members – affiliate	212	203
Libraries providing services to unaffiliated health professionals	95 (60%)*	97 (61%)*
Libraries providing services to public users	98 (62%)*	98 (62%)*
Average fill rate for resource libraries	860	821

* *Include in parentheses the percentage of full Network member members providing services to unaffiliated health professionals and public users. This can be computed as: % providing services = (count of libraries providing service)/(count of full Network members)*

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) activities

Gail Kouame is reviewing the structure and membership in the Consumer Health Advisory Committee.

Needs assessment and evaluation activities/data

Work continues on designing a survey to assess our members' needs, and we have announced to our Region our intention to do so via an announcement on our blog.

Outreach

In August PNR received eight applications in response to our Outreach subcontract RFPs. Each was assigned to a team of reviewers whose comments and recommendations for funding were received in September. Considerable time was spent in September and October making funding decisions, communicating with applicants and advising unsuccessful bidders.

TABLE 2. All newly funded awards and projects

Start/ end dates	Title of award/ project	PI institutio n	PI last name	Fundin g amount	Project type*
08/10/06	Training at Pacific NW Library Association	Sno-Isle Regional Library System	McRill	\$500	Training Award
09/01/06 - 10/31/06	"Eight Weeks to Wellness" Health Seminar	St. John Medical Center	Popescu	\$500	Exhibit Award

*Suggested project type values: outreach project, express award, exhibit award, technology improvement award, library improvement award, Internet connectivity award, information technology/policy awareness conference, other (please specify)

Update of ongoing major projects (funded at \geq \$15,000)

None funded yet.

TABLE 3. Presentations and training provided by RML staff

Date	Last name of staff responsible	Title of presentation/training	Location (city, state)	#of participants	In-person or distance education
07/09/06	Milgrom	Overview of NN/LM and NLM Resources	Seattle	4	In person
08/09/06	Ryce	DOCLINE Training with WAUKIU	Seattle WA	1	Distance
09/14/06	Kouame Ryce	"Consumer Health Information Resources"	Portland, OR	22	In-person
09/22/06	Kouame	"Caring For The Mind"	Lewistown, MT	14	In-person
09/22/06	Blake	Beyond the Baby Steps: Finding Maternal and Child Health Information on the Web	Shelton, WA	15	In person
09/25/06	Sahali	Presentation on Prostate Health	Seattle, WA	15	In-person
09/27/06	Kouame Blake	¿No Comprende?	Wenatchee, WA	18	In-person
09/27/06	Blake	Prescription for Success	Wenatchee, WA	18	In person
09/29/06	Blake	No Comprende?	Oak Harbor, WA	10	In person
09/29/06	Blake	No Comprende?	Oak Harbor, WA	7	In person
10/11/06	Sahali	NLM resources and Tribal Connections at the 2006 Joint conference of Librarians of Color	Dallas, TX.	25	In-person
10/11/06	Kouame	"Web-based Information Resources to Support Your Health Ministry"	Helena, MT	14	In-person
10/14/06	Blake	Measuring Your Impact...	Seattle, WA	22	In person
10/16/06	Sahali	MLA- PNC- Media Panel	Sea, WA	50	In-person

TABLE 4. Exhibits. Note that separate exhibit reports should not be included with the RML quarterly report.

Dates	Organization name	Meeting name	Location (city, state)
RML NATIONAL EXHIBITS			
10/29/06 - 10/30/06	Association of American Medical Colleges	Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA
RML REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
09/28/06 - 09/29/06	Northwest AIRS	Bi-annual meeting	Boise, ID
10/16/06	PNC/MLA - Western Chapters	Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA
None			
SUBCONTRACTED REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
None			

Actionable feedback received from exhibit visitors

None this quarter.

MedlinePlus Go Local

G. Kouame met with a librarian in Great Falls, MT who has expressed interest in submitting a Go Local proposal. She explained the details of the RFP and answered questions.

She staffed a small exhibit/display at the Northwest AIRS conference, the regional group that facilitates 2-1-1, and heavily promoted Go Local. Much interest was generated, especially in Washington and Montana.

The RFP for Go Local projects in our region was posted on September 13, 2006 with proposals due into the RML by December 15, 2006. G. Kouame also publicized the RFP in the Dragonfly, our regional newsletter.

Other staff activities

TABLE 5. Publications and resources developed by RML staff

Date completed/ published	Last name of staff responsible	Title	Medium (e.g., journal article, newsletter article, brochure, online tutorial)	Submitted to Clearinghouse ("yes" or "out of scope")
10/17/06	Ryce, Kouame	"Going the Distance With Moodle: Outcomes of the MLA CE Institute for Developing Web- based Instruction"	Poster and paper presentations	Out of scope
10/17/06	Kouame	"Bloodletting: From Medical Doctrine to Quackery...And Back Again"	Poster presentation	Out of scope
10/14/06	Ryce	DOCLINE Update	Flyer	Out of scope
10/14/06	Ryce	What's New with PNRML	Flyer	Out of scope

C. Burroughs wrote a letter of support for an Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine grant that was submitted to NIH via the University of Missouri. Gayle Willard of Kansas State University and Vicki Croft, Washington State University, collaborated with the University of Missouri as subcontractors.

C. Burroughs also reviewed a request by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and Carolyn Adams (Legacy Health Systems) related to a hospital library internship program. This facilitated a broader discussion with Sherri Fuller and Jim Morgan of OHSU at the Western Chapter Meeting. We followed up on this discussion by advocating the idea to Angela Ruffin and requested direction about how to present the idea for further consideration and funding by NLM.

C. Burroughs attended the AAHSL workshop "Developing the Evidence Base: Making Effective Use of Assessment and Statistics Data in Academic Health Sciences Libraries" in Seattle.

L. Milgrom made a site visit to the Center for Public Health Nutrition on the UW campus. This center is one of the health disparity research groups the RML hopes to collaborate with. RML staff were invited back [November 1] to discuss partnership and outreach funding opportunities (7/9/06).

A. Ryce participated on the UW Libraries Staffweb subcontent committee, which is charged with developing policy for new UW Libraries-wide staff intranet (08/06 - 10/06).

A. Ryce attended the Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference in Portland, OR, and presented with G. Kouame on Consumer Health Information Resources and getting articles through Loansome Doc. She also attended the DOCLINE users group meeting and made a presentation (09/14/06 - 09/15/06).

A. Ryce completed "Basics of Electronic Document Delivery", an online course which is a product of the MLA CE Institute for developing web-based instruction and was created with Moodle (09/30/06).

A. Ryce attended the SLA NW Regional Conference in Vancouver, BC (10/06/06 - 10/07/06).

G. Kouame was program co-chair of the Western Chapters MLA 2006 meeting held in Seattle, WA October 14-17, 2006. This meeting involved 4 chapters of MLA with 2 days of continuing education courses and two days of programming, paper and poster presentations.

M. Blake was Chair of the Continuing Education Committee for the Western MLA Chapters meeting.

A. Ryce served as the conference web master and also did a presentation and poster: "Going the Distance with Moodle".

PNR staff attended the Western Chapters MLA meeting, and several of us also took the "Geeks Bearing Gifts" CE class (10/15/06).

Gail Kouame was elected Chair-Elect of the Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association effective January 1, 2007.

Gail Kouame taught a course at a local community college -- *Medical Reference Sources* -- as part of their Library Technician program on 2 Saturdays. A field trip to a Network member library is included in the curriculum (Highline Community Hospital) (dates)

R. Sahali attend the National Urban Indian Health Conference (08/02/06 - 08/03/06).

R. Sahali promoted Health Programming and the effort to organize a network of non-NPR community radio stations from Alaska to southern Oregon, which was the subject of the Northwest Community Radio Summit, held in Seattle (09/15/-6 - 09/17/06).

R. Sahali began the process, with the University of Washington Technology Transfer Department to transfer administration and ownership of the tribalconnections.org web site to the Seattle Indian Health Board's Urban Indian Health Institute (10/02/06).